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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on September 7, 2004. (The USPTO was closed September 4-6, 20 4).

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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